

REMARKS

The present U.S. Patent application is the U.S. National Stage of PCT/EP 2004/006041.

This is a preliminary amendment prepared and filed to put the claims and specification in a form that complies better with U.S. Patent Office Rules.

Claims 20 to 49 have been added and the original claims 1 to 19 have been canceled, however claims 20 to 49 include the subject matter of the canceled claims 1 to 19.

Claims 20 to 49 include the packaging-system (apparatus) claims 20 to 31, the in-situ-method-of-preparing-a-formulation claims 32 to 48 and the static micromixer claim 49.

Multiple claim dependencies are not included in the new claims 20 to 49 to comply with U.S. Patent Office Rules and to reduce prosecution costs. Because of the multiple claim dependence of canceled method claim 13, method claims 32 to 48 include subject matter from each of canceled claims 1 to 18 and new claim 49 includes features from canceled claim 19.

However wording of the main system claim 20 has been changed somewhat by reorganizing the subject matter to provide a more logical perhaps somewhat clearer English language presentation. In the case of main method claim 32 the English translation of canceled claim 13 has been reorganized into a series of positively recited steps and includes subject matter from canceled claim

1. Other changes have been made to provide antecedent basis for claim terms and eliminate wording that might be considered indefinite.

A new abstract has been drafted, which includes the claimed subject matter of the new main system claim 20.

A title that is more descriptive of the claimed invention has been added.

Standard section headings have been added to the specification as required by U.S. Patent Office rules. A brief description of figure 11, which was omitted from the English translation, has been added to provide a complete "Brief Description of the Drawing" section.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawing be further amended or corrected in formal respects to put this case in condition for final allowance, then it is requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing the case to allowance, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned at 1-631-549 4700.

In view of the foregoing, favorable allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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